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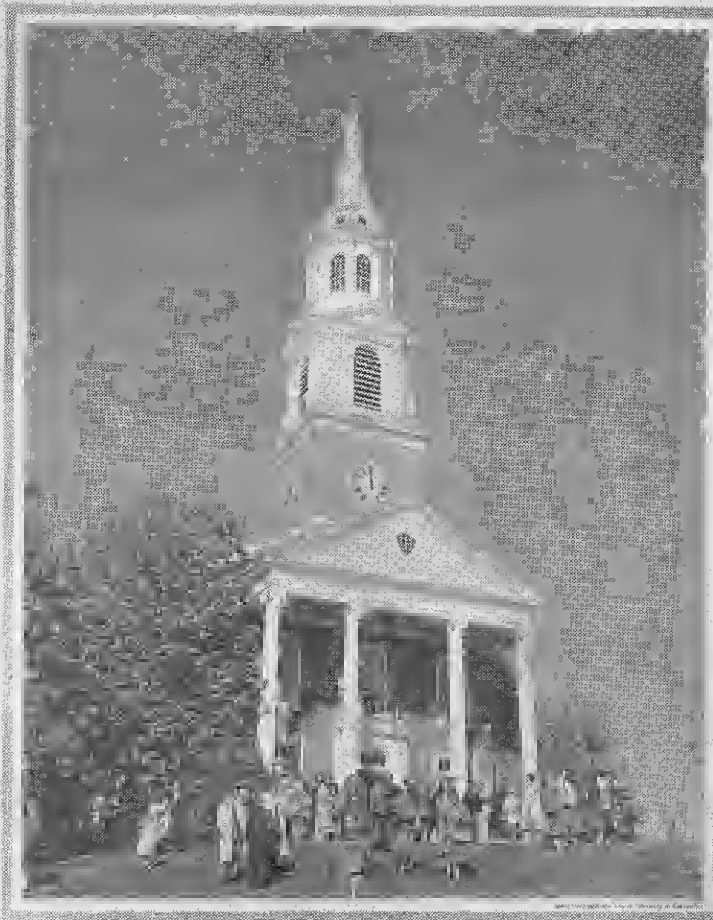
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High Interest Prevails In Church Constitution

An unprecedented grass roots participation in the making of the constitution for the United Church of Christ was reported in Cleveland, Ohio, December 8 by Rev. Dr. Gerhard W. Grauer, Chicago, chairman of the constitution commission. The commission was holding its first meeting since July of this year, when our denomination's General Synod, meeting at Oberlin, Ohio, voted to ask local churches to take an active part in the constitution-making process.

The constitution commission, elected at the uniting Synod in 1957, presented to the United Church of Christ's second General Synod last summer a proposed constitution which the Synod voted to refer to local churches, regional organizations, boards and agencies of the two participating denominations for further study.

Denominational leaders reported conscientious compliance with the study recommendation. Typical of many churches throughout the country was the action of the Congregational Church of Claremont, California, which appointed a 21-member committee to study in detail the proposed constitution and its implications.

In North Carolina, more than 500 laymen of both denominations came together for a half-day session to study the document and in New Hampshire a state-wide gathering of ministers met for the same purpose.

Dr. Grauer reported that the committee has received approximately 500 communications as a result of this study. Of that number about one third, he said, "voiced general approval of the constitution and by-laws as formulated" or contained suggestions for minor editorial changes.

The other two-thirds, said Dr. Grauer, "concentrated mainly on questions about the local church, the ministry and the relationship of the mission boards and other agencies to the denominational structure."

Dr. Grauer emphasized that the "viewpoints expressed" in the suggestions "did not divide along lines of the two uniting constituencies but across these lines."

In a joint statement, Dr. Grauer and the United Church's two co-presidents, Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, New York City, and Rev. Dr. James E. Wagner, Philadelphia, stated that "the constitution

A Resolution Of The Ga. Council Of Churches

WHEREAS, the Georgia Council of Churches is holding its annual meeting in Macon on the day that the school authorities of Atlanta are presenting a plan for the gradual and orderly desegregation of the schools to the North Georgia District Federal Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, we, as responsible churchmen and concerned citizens, feel that anything that would deny the children of this state the privilege of a public education would be disastrous; and

WHEREAS, the final decision affecting the Atlanta schools will in turn affect every public school and school child in Georgia;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the Governor and members of the State Legislature to provide legislation in the coming session that will guarantee to all the children of Georgia an uninterrupted public school education.
December 1, 1959

drafting commission and its sub-committees have given careful consideration to all suggestions received and will continue to do so. It is more confident now than before that the revised draft of the constitution and by-laws it will present to the General Synod next July will meet with warm approval."

According to present plans, the commission will complete their revised draft of the constitution by mid-February, 1960, taking into account the suggestions made. This revised document, like the preliminary draft, will be made available to local churches and their regional organizations for careful study prior to the special session of the General Synod scheduled to be held in Cleveland in July, 1960.

If approved by the Synod, the document is submitted once more — this time for ratification — to local Congregational Christian Churches and Evangelical and Reformed regional synods. A two-thirds vote is necessary to put the constitution into effect.

The Executive Committee of the Southeast Convention PF/YF met at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., on January 9.

High Church Attendance Reported By Gallup Poll

Worship attendance in the United States leveled off last year after achieving a record high year in 1958, the Gallup Poll has reported. An estimated 49,000,000 adults attended church and synagogue services during a typical week of 1959 — or 47 per cent of the adult civilian population (excluding those living in institutions).

"By way of comparison, during an average week in 1958, 49 per cent of the population — or an estimated 50,500,000 adults attended church," the report, issued by the American Institute of Public Opinion, said.

Surveys of representative samples of adult civilian population were made during selected weeks in the months of March, July, and December, 1959. The survey attempted to measure only the average number of adults attending worship during the sample weeks.

A special survey of attendance during Easter Week of 1959 found that 61,200,000 adults went to church or synagogue. This was 59 per cent of the adult population.

In 1940, slightly more than one-third of the adult population went to worship regularly. By 1955, the number had risen to 49 per cent. It hit 49 per cent again in 1958 when 50,500,000 — the highest number on record — went at least once a week.

The American Institute of Public Opinion, headed by Dr. George Gallup, is the only organization making a nationwide check on worship attendance. On a national basis, worship attendance is promoted among the general public by the Religion in American Life Program, which in 1959 obtained \$8,000,000 worth of contributed time and space for advertisements in the major media urging all Americans to "Worship Together This Week."

Church Secretaries Note!

It is important that all churches that have not already done so complete the annual Year Book Report forms and send them to the Southeast Convention office immediately.

Figures for 1958 are reported for the churches that make no report for 1959. So please send in your report!

Rev. Annie R. Campbell, Minister of Christian Education for the Convention, had a brief vacation at Winter Park, Fla., in December.

Echoes Of Southern Union

WALTER A. GRAHAM, President

Prospects for enrollment for the Winter Quarter look very good. Both Pilgrim Hall for girls and Kimball Hall for boys will be filled, and as was true in the Fall Quarter, there will be one professor and one or two male students in Beougher Hall.

The faculty will have an addition in the person of Dr. Simon Bennett, who has returned to his Wadley home with his wife and father-in-law. The Bennetts spent the summer and fall on their farm in Ohio.

Contractor Lynn Blair of Alexander City visited the campus recently and hopes to begin work on the Pilgrim Hall addition (7 rooms and 1 bath) in the very near future. This construction will take several months to complete but will greatly increase the use of the building both in the school term and during the summer months.

The college was host during the Christmas holidays to the Southeast Convention's Conference on Church Vocations. The delegates and leaders were housed in all of the dormitories, including 5 in the president's new home. The leaders included Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr., Rev. Miss Annie R. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds, Rev. John D. Schofield, Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, Rev. Earnest J. Arnold, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence W. Baldwin, Rev. Carl J. Landes, and Pres. Walter A. Graham.

The campaign for funds to enlarge and improve the facilities at Southern Union College has been completed in Wadley and Alexander City, both towns having attained their goals. Now steps are being taken in Roanoke, LaFayette, Atlanta, Birmingham, Sylacauga, Lineville, Talladega, and Ashland. Mr. Ira Evans of Atlanta has been secured to assist in the campaign for January and February.

The most recent issue of the Southern Union News carried a special insert page that names all individuals, groups of men or women, and churches who have contributed to the college between September 1958 and September 1959. The states included in the area of the Southeast Convention were well represented. In addition to the public expression of thanks in the News, it is our pleasure to again say "thanks" here to the increasing number of people who are helping our col-

World Refugee Year

Over fifteen million refugees and political escapees still live in camps in Europe, the Middle East, and the Orient. World Refugee Year reminds us of their plight. WRY asks that the free world mobilize its resources to bring hope and rehabilitation to refugees wherever they are.

The Congregational Christian Service Committee is being asked to make large grants toward the World Council of Churches' projects in 1960. The cost of these is over \$8,000,000. Churches and organizations near camps will operate projects for refugee rehabilitation in fifteen countries and areas. This will include vocational training, enabling refugees to work in new industries and gain their independence in the countries of their adoption.

There are three things you can do:

1. A church may find a job and housing to bring a refugee family to its community. For further information about refugee sponsorship, write your Service Committee, 110 East 29th St., New York 16, N. Y.

2. Letters to Congressmen and Senators supporting generous refugee legislation will help. America must still be a land of opportunity. We must make it possible for these "Delayed Pilgrims" to be resettled.

3. Give generously to the appeals of your church: One Great Hour of Sharing, Share Our Surplus, Our Christian World Mission, and the United Clothing Appeal. Thus you, through your Service Committee, can do your part for World Refugee Year and bring light and life to millions who dwell in the land of shadows.

The Brookmeade United Church is holding a "Series of Discussions on Church Unity" during January, February, and March. Members of the faculty of the Vanderbilt Divinity School are participating as leaders for the series.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green, now of Huntsville, Ala., recently announced the birth of a baby daughter.

lege.

We urge you to visit the campus as often as you can, send us new students, continue to support us with your prayers and gifts, and all of us together can not then help from having A REAL HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Annual Meeting Of Youth Planned For Chattanooga

The annual meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship and Youth Fellowship of the Southeast Convention will take place at Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., Saturday and Sunday, March 12, 13, 1960, with Daisy and Soddy churches assisting with meals and home entertainment. Registration begins at 8:30 in the morning and the conference lasts through the noon meal.

We are privileged to have our national youth leader, the Reverend Mr. Edward Powers, to hold a Workshop for Adult Leaders and to give the Sunday morning message. Rev. Gaylord Noyce of Raleigh, N. C., one of the leaders in the Southern Convention, will give the keynote address on Saturday morning. Rev. Arnold Slater of Pilgrim Church and Rev. Harold Henderson of Daisy and Soddy will be the host pastors. Our own superintendent and many other fine leaders will help to make this conference one of the best yet.

Youth Week Theme Thy Kingdom On Earth

From January 31 to February 7, young people and churches through the country will be observing Youth Week and Youth Sunday. Sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement, the main purposes of Youth Week are:

1. To help the church see the vital importance of its ministry to youth.
2. To strengthen the unity of Christian youth throughout the nation.
3. To challenge youth, and through them their elders, to discover their responsibilities as Christian citizens.

The theme of Youth Week for 1960 is "Thy Kingdom . . . on Earth", seeking to interpret Christian citizenship and portray the idea that the dimension of depth is added to all other dimensions of citizenship by our Christian faith.

A Youth Week packet, containing materials and suggestions for Youth Week programs is available from the Division of Christian Education, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

The Rev. Lynwood Hubbard, now serving churches in the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, was a recent visitor to the Convention office.

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Superintendent's Corner

Elsewhere on this page there is the report of progress being made in the campaign for the CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION FUND throughout the Southeast Convention.

It is heartening that already we have reached almost half of the goal of \$25,000 accepted by the Southeast Convention. The majority of the Declaration of Intentions received to date have come from churches in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

However, the churches in Georgia and Alabama are beginning to take action. A meeting for the East Alabama Association Pastors will be held on Tuesday, January 26, at the Lanett Congregational Christian Church to formulate plans for the campaign in East Alabama. If we all take this matter seriously, our total goal soon will be over-subscribed!

DATES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

March 12-13 — Southeast Convention
Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Fellowship,
Pilgrim Cong. Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

June 5-11 — Kentucky-Tennessee Summer Conference

June 17-25 — National PF-YF, Elmhurst

June 19-July 3 — Work Camp at Bricks
July 3-16 — Work Camp Southern Union

July 31 - August 6 — Alabama-West Florida Summer Conference

August 14-20 — Georgia-South Carolina Summer Conference

Christian Education Goals For The Local Church 1960

1. Introduce the new pre-school material in the local church.
2. See that each church has a Christian Education Committee.
3. Give special attention to the young adults in the church, both married and unmarried.
4. Coordinate Christian education in the church; that is, if there is a Christian Education chairman for the Women's Fellowship she should be on the church committee; the same with the men's and other groups having a person for Christian education.
5. Have one or more from each church attend one of the Leadership Growth Workshops.
6. Promote the use of our own denominational materials — Sunday School, P. F., W. F., Church Activities Calendars, bulletins, etc.
7. Have organized Sunday School, Pilgrim Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Churchmen's Fellowship (men).
8. Plan to have a Family Night at least once a year.
9. Have representatives at every district and convention meeting — SEC P. F., Annual SEC Meeting, District P. F. and W. F. Rallies, Men's Meetings, Summer Conferences and Retreats, etc.
10. Help to keep in touch with the college students and, wherever possible, help in the organization of a USF (United Student Fellowship) on the college campus for your church's students.

Southeast Convention
Christian Education Committee

The Superintendent's Schedule

January 10 — Huntsville, Ala.

January 13-14 — Franklinton Center
Board of Directors Meeting, Bricks,
North Carolina

January 17 — West Point, Bethel

January 18 — Church Survey and Aid
Committee Meeting, Atlanta

January 19 — Southeast Convention
Board of Directors, Atlanta

January 24 — Forest Home, Roanoke,
Ala.

January 26 — East Alabama Ministers
CHEF Meeting, Lanett

January 27 - February 4 — Mid-Winter Meetings of Congregational Christian Churches, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Christian Higher Education Declarations Of Intentions

The following churches have sent signed "Declaration of Intention" forms to the Southeast Convention Office indicating the goals they have accepted in the CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION FUND campaign. The total goal accepted by the Southeast Convention is \$25,000.

Kentucky - Tennessee

Crossville	\$ 450
Daisy	450
Deer Lodge	150
Glen Mary	150
Knoxville	3,000
Nashville	750
Pleasant Hill	900
Robbins	100

Georgia

Atlanta, Central	3,600
LaGrange, United	1,200
Total	\$10,750

Moulton, Jones Chapel, of the North Alabama Association, has paid its suggested goal in full, but has not sent in the form. Evarts, Kentucky has accepted its goal and is making payments on it, but has not sent in the forms.

Total Reported Goals ... \$10,750

Moulton, Jones Chapel	25
Evarts, Kentucky	450
Kentucky-Tennessee YP	
Summer Conference	31.27
Grand Total to Date	\$11,256.27

A monthly report of the churches accepting their CHEF goals and sending in the Declaration of Intention form will be made in THE SOUTHEAST NEWS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 19 — Southeast Convention
Board Meeting

February 19-20 — Southeast Convention
Woman's Fellowship Officers'
Planning Session

March 15-18 — Training Session for
Summer Conference Leaders, Avon
Park, Florida

March 19-30 — Woman's Fellowship
Spring Rallies

April 2-3 — Southeast Convention, Andalusia, Alabama

July 16-17 — Georgia-South Carolina
Woman's Retreat

July 22-23 — Alabama-West Florida
Woman's Retreat

People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

Blackwood Church Reports

Blackwood Church completes the year 1959 in an optimistic mood.

On December 15 Blackwood Church held its Annual Meeting. Reports indicated progress in many ways! The Sunday School sponsored several Religious Education projects successfully; the Pilgrim Fellowship participated in "Work Day for Christ", gave programs for "shut-ins", and reported regular program meetings; the Women's Fellowship attended all area meetings, painted the Sunday School rooms and the floor of the sanctuary, and purchased a runner; they reported good attendance at monthly programs; the treasurer reported all indebtedness paid; the benevolence treasurer reported the OCWM goal of \$368.00 would be reached and that an increased goal of \$422.00 had been set for 1960. The Budget Committee presented an increased budget over 1959, and it was adopted.

The slate of officers for 1960 is as follows:

Deacons: H. L. Faison, M. O. Johnson, Buell Johnson

Trustees: A. A. Danford, Mack Kennedy, J. T. Kirkland

Clerk: Mrs. Leonard Faison

Treasurer of Local Expenses: Mrs. R. M. Hicks

Treasurer of Benevolences: Miss Dorra C. Brackin

Chorister: A. T. Brackin

Asst. Chorister: Dwight Kennedy

Pianist: Mrs. H. C. Chancey

Religious Education Committee
Chairman: Rayburn Kennedy

After the Annual Meeting a "Surprise Christmas Party" for the pastor's family in the social room was enjoyed by all. The Ralph Worleys were presented with a monetary gift and a pounding of foods.

The Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs. R. M. Hicks and Mrs. Jack Woodham, presented a Christmas Program on Christmas night. The offering on this occasion was for the "Christmas Fund" for "Veteran's of the Cross."

The Pilgrim Fellowship sang carols on Christmas Eve for "shut-ins" and for many "Golden Agers." This service is greatly appreciated in our community.

News From Lanett

Beginning in December, two young boys, Mike Moncus and Phil Moon, have been Candle Lighters for the worship services. They are dressed in robes and come down the center aisle to the altar to light the candles and then return, holding their candle lighters very impressively in front of them. At the close of the service they repeat the same thing to extinguish the candles. It surely does add to the beauty of our worship service.

Our pastor, Rev. John D. Schofield, has added a service to us and from the comments we hear, all our members appreciate it. Each month, by the first of the month, he sends every member a "News Letter", and it is very informative. Items consist of what has happened and what is in the future program of the church. We like it so much we wanted to make mention of it.

Southern Union College Choir, under the direction of Miss Grace Crump, presented a beautiful program of Christmas music at our vesper service December 13. Our choir acted as hosts to them after the program and we enjoyed a supper together, the supper having been prepared by three good ladies of our church, Mrs. M. L. Redden, Mrs. Lucille Hand, and Mrs. Verna Crenshaw.

We have a layman in our church who holds a good record. Tom Crenshaw has been a member of our Board of Finance for 26 years. He also has so many other jobs we won't list them all. We appreciate him and members like him.

Our Fellowship Hall is nearing completion. All the members are enjoying it more. Beginning January 3, we start the "Cross and Crown" attendance award system in our Sunday School. We are expecting good attendance this year in our Sunday School.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe French, Mrs. Taylor (Mrs. French's mother), and Agnes and Carolyn visited us Sunday, December 27. We enjoyed seeing them so much.

One of our young men, Terry Redden, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Redden, has made his decision to prepare for the ministry. At present Terry is Chaplain's Yeoman on the U. S. El Dorado.

The Church Council elected Bill Hod-

Here And There

David Colbert, son of the Moderator of the Southeast Convention, Guy L. Colbert, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute on Friday, December 18.

David already had earned his A. B. degree from this fine college, as well as an A. A. from Southern Union College.

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Leadership Growth Workshops will be held throughout the Southeast Convention under the auspices of the Christian Education Committee this summer. The dates and places for the various areas are given below:

August 11-14—Southern Union College

August 14-18—Pine Mountain, Ga. (Roosevelt State Park)

August 19-21 — Chattanooga, Tenn. National Christian Education leaders will be present as resource persons.

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Mrs. Wilmer McCord, office secretary of the Convention, was ill with virus pneumonia the first week in January, but now is able to be back.

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The Rev. Samuel D. Nelson Jr., minister of the Fredonia Congregational Christian Church, Barnesville, Ga., has accepted a call to the Community Church, Lynnhaven, Virginia.

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Twenty people met with Superintendent Lightbourne on January 10 in Huntsville, Ala., to discuss the new church project there. Services are held each Sunday morning at 8:30 a. m. at the Albert Pick Motel. Rev. Guy L. Colbert conducts the services.

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The Rev. Miss Leila Anderson will be in the East Alabama area in the period of January 16-24 to meet with local Sunday School teachers. Mrs. J. Kermit Harris will participate with her in the workshops and meetings.

nett as delegate to the Ordination Council at Pleasant Grove Church for Floyd Carmack on Sunday, January 3.

Joan Boggs, Norma Spear, Cynthia Huff, and Jean Hand attended the Church Vocations Conference at Southern Union College December 29-30.

Mrs. Dahlia Holley

Ordaining Council Held For James T. McAdams

A Service of Ordination was held on Sunday, December 13, 1959, at Center Congregational Christian Church, Atlanta, Georgia, for the pastor of the church, Mr. James T. McAdams.

Following the service, a reception was held in the Social Hall of the church, which was decorated for the occasion and featured a center table on which was a lovely and delicious large cake. Punch and candies and nuts were also served.

The Reverend James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, preached the sermon of ordination. The Prayer of Ordination was given by the Reverend Samuel D. Nelson Jr., pastor of the Fredonia Congregational Christian Church, Barnesville, Ga.

Others participating in the service included the Reverend Henry C. Weaver, Interim Pastor of the Richland, Ga., Church, the Reverend A. A. Graves, a minister in the Baptist Church, the Reverend W. Raymond Berry, pastor of the United Congregational Christian Church in LaGrange, and the Reverend Thomas Anderson, pastor of Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Joseph E. Tatum Jr., Moderator of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches and a member of the host church, presided over the Ecclesiastical Council which was held prior to the service of ordination.

The candidate presented a statement of his religious experience, his religious beliefs and his reasons for entering the ministry. The statement was followed by a period in which the candidate answered questions from members of the council. The council then voted unanimously to ordain Mr. McAdams to the ministry.

Prior to his ordination, Mr. McAdams has been a licensed minister of the Conference and has served the Center Church since 1956. Mrs. McAdams, the former Margaret Shelton, is the immediate past president of the Congregational Christian Women's Fellowship of Georgia. They have two children, Beverly and Thomas.

South-Wide Pre-Lenten Ministers Convocation

The first South-Wide Pre-Lenten Convocation for Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Ministers will be held at Franklinton Center, Bricks, North Carolina, February 16-18, 1960.

The Rev. Dr. Robert V. Moss Jr., President of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and the Rev. Dr. Arthur D. Gray, President of Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama, will be the guest leaders.

Also on the program for the sessions will be Rev. J. Archie Hargraves, pastor of the Nazarene Congregational Church, Brooklyn, New York, who has an unusual ministry to share, and Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, who will serve as Chaplain.

The Convention will begin with registration at 1:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and will close following the noon meal on Thursday, Feb. 18. The price of the Convocation will be \$9.50. Ministers of the Southeast Convention interested in attending should contact the Superintendent.

American Board Elects Mrs. Horton President

Mrs. Douglas Horton was recently elected president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches.

The first woman to hold this position, Mrs. Horton will also be remembered as Miss Mildred McAfee, who, while president of Wellesley College, Massachusetts, became the first director of the Navy's WAVES in World War II.

Mrs. Horton is the fourteenth president of the American Board since it was founded in 1810. It is the oldest foreign mission board in the United States. Mrs. Horton succeeds the Reverend Vere V. Loper, minister of the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, California.

Mrs. Horton is the wife of the Reverend Douglas Horton, former Dean of the Harvard Divinity School.

Dr. and Mrs. Horton now make their home in Randolph, Vermont.

Mr. L. Floyd Carmack Ordained To Ministry

Mr. Leslie Floyd Carmack, pastor of the Pleasant Grove and Antioch Churches of the East Alabama Association, was ordained to the Christian Ministry in a service held on January 3, 1960.

An Ecclesiastical Council was convened at two o'clock in the afternoon with the approval of the East Alabama Association to examine the fitness of the candidate for the full ministry.

The Reverend John D. Schofield, Moderator of the Association and Pastor of the Lanett Congregational Christian Church, presided over the Council. The candidate presented a statement of his beliefs and his reasons for entering the ministry. The Council voted unanimously that he be granted ordination.

The sermon was delivered by Reverend James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention. Reverend Charles W. Bell, pastor of the Lowell Congregational Christian Church, led in the Ordaining Prayer.

Others participating in the service, which was conducted by Reverend John D. Schofield, included Rev. Olin E. Sheppard, Chairman of the Committee on the Ministry of the East Alabama Association and pastor of First Church and New Hope Church, Roanoke, Alabama; Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, pastor of the Wadley, Alabama Church and Dean of Southern Union College; and Rev. Samuel M. Penn, retired Congregational Christian minister. Also participating was the Rev. James Nolen, pastor of the Milltown Baptist Church.

Following the Service of Ordination, which was held in the Pleasant Grove Church, the persons in attendance were invited to a reception held in the social room of the church. The table arrangement was of large white chrysanthemums and lily of the valley flowers flanked by tall white tapers.

The Rev. Mr. Carmack is a native of Tallassee, Alabama, and is now a student of Southern Union College. He is married to the former Miss Geraldine Pemberton of Tallassee and they have two children, Carol and Ronnie.